I have owned my XM Satellite Radio for over 18 months. I have a receiver in my car and my home. It is a wonderful alternative to the radio stations in this rural part of the Midwest. My daughter goes to sleep each night listening to her favorite music without commercial interruption. I feel the cost is minimal compared to the hours of listening enjoyment. To listen to my type of music I would either have to move to a better listening area or constantly switch CD's. I love my XM Radio and plan on keeping for a very long time. I do not miss the "local news and weather" aspect on XM radio because our local radio stations do not provide this either. The closest station that provides accurate news and weather is a 40 minute drive away. Keep up the great work XM Radio, You ROCK!!!